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Amendment  
Serial No.09/739,476**IN THE CLAIMS:****Kindly replace the claims with the following full set of claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method for classification of a program comprising the steps of:
  - receiving an audio/video signal corresponding to the program;
  - determining transcript information associated with the program using the audio/video signal;
  - identifying at least one cue in the transcript information and an associated time of occurrence, each of the cues being associated with a type of program;
  - correlating the at least one cue identified in the transcript information to the type of program;
  - comparing the time of occurrence of two cues selected from the at least one identified cue and determining a proximity of occurrence of the two selected cues[[:]];
    - wherein if the proximity of occurrence is greater than a predetermined amount, the two selected cues are ignored in connection with determining the program classification; and
    - wherein if the proximity of occurrence is not greater than the predetermined amount, the two selected cues are utilized in connection with determining the program classification; and
  - classifying the program based on the proximity of occurrence of the two selected cues.
2. (Original) The method for classification of a program according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
  - receiving an audio/data/video signal which includes the transcript information.
3. (Cancelled)

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4. (Original) The method for classification of a program according to claim 1, wherein the classification of the program is one of a news program, talk show, sports program, panel discussions, interviews, and situational comedy.
5. (Original) The method for classification of a program according to claim 1, wherein the transcript information comprises closed-captioned text.
6. (Currently amended) Apparatus for classification of a program, comprising:  
a receiver to receive an audio/data/video signal corresponding to the program;  
a transcript information extractor for extracting transcript information associated with the program from the audio/data/video input signal;  
a cue extractor for identifying at least one cue in the transcript information and an associated time of occurrence, each of the cues having associated therewith a type of program;  
a knowledge database for correlating the at least one cue identified in the transcript information to the type of program;  
a temporal database for comparing the time of occurrence of two selected cues of the at least one cue to determine a proximity of occurrence of the two selected cues,  
wherein if the proximity of occurrence is greater than a predetermined amount, the two selected cues are ignored in connection with determining the program classification; and  
wherein if the proximity of occurrence is not greater than the predetermined amount, the two selected cues are utilized in connection with determining the program classification; and  
a classifier for classifying the program based on the proximity of occurrence.
7. (Cancelled)

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8. (Original) The apparatus for classification of a program according to claim 6, wherein the classification of the program is one of a news program, talk show, sports program, panel discussions, interviews, and situational comedy.

9. (Original) The apparatus for classification of a program according to claim 6, wherein the transcript information comprises closed-captioned text.